



Items of Interest

Basic Computer Classes are held each Thursday at the Sturgis Public Library from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Classes are free and registration is not required. For details, contact the Sturgis Library at 347-2624.

March 31 Future Sturgis State of the Community - Public meeting 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center Theater.

Chamber Annual Awards Banquet - April 9 at the Loud American Roadhouse.

City Elections - Tuesday, April 12.

Meet The Author - Sandra Brannan at the Sturgis Public Library.

City Wide Garage Sale Registration Deadline - April 16.

City Offices Closed on April 22 for Good Friday. Trash normally picked up on Friday will be picked up on Thursday, April 21.



Announcements and Meetings

Planning and Zoning Commission: March 29, April 12 and 26 at 6:30 p.m. downstairs at City Hall, Room B.

Sturgis City Council: April 4 and 18 at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the Sturgis Community Center on Lazelle Street.

Forestry: April 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the Sturgis Fire Hall.

Sturgis Arts Council: April 7 at 7:00 p.m. downstairs at City Hall, Room A.

Park Board: April 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Morman Law office.

MUB Board: April 13 at 8:00 a.m. downstairs at City Hall, Room A.

Library Board: April 27 at 4:00 p.m. at the Sturgis Library.

Record Pavement Program Planned for 2011

A new inventory of the street system was completed this year using our Geographic Information System. According to the inventory, the City has 4.5 miles of gravel streets, 47 miles of paved streets and 7.5 miles of alleyways.

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT) owns and maintains Lazelle Street (3 miles). The DOT is responsible for repairs to Lazelle Street while the City is responsible for snow removal.

In 2010, the Street Department completed 35 blocks of pavement and 15 blocks of chip/seal improvements. Street maintenance crews also applied 66 tons of hot mix asphalt to repair pot holes at a cost of \$89 per ton or about \$125 per mile of street. Each mile of street received an average of 1.4 tons of asphalt repairs in 2010.

Through various surveys, residents have consistently told the City that street improvements and repairs should be a top priority. In responding to these requests, the 2011 Paving Program will include a record 62 blocks of asphalt overlay. This will be the largest asphalt paving program undertaken by the City.

Did You Know?

The City is responsible for plowing 54.5 miles of City streets including Highway 34/Lazelle Street.

So far, in 2011, the City has used 14.6% of the total snow removal budget.

What causes potholes?

Potholes occur when snow and ice melt as part of our seasonal freeze-thaw cycles. The resulting water then seeps beneath the pavement through cracks caused by the wear and tear of traffic and snow removal



Employees of the Public Works Department apply cold mix to temporarily fix pot holes along Fourth Street.

equipment. Corners are particularly susceptible to pot holes due to drivers braking while they make the turns. As the temperatures cool to freezing at night, the water becomes ice and expands below the pavement, forcing the pavement to rise. As the weight of traffic continues to pound on this raised section – and the temperatures once again rise above freezing – a shallow divot occurs under the surface and the pavement breaks, forming a pothole.

How is a pothole fixed?

A pothole is typically fixed by cleaning out the loose debris and filling it with hot or cold asphalt patch. During the winter months, only a cold asphalt patch can be used. This type of repair is usually only a temporary fix until warmer weather allows a permanent patch with a hot mix.

Who is responsible for fixing potholes?

Depending on the location, either the City or the State is responsible for maintenance. Lazelle is maintained by the DOT. Other streets within the City limits are maintained by the Sturgis

Public Works Department. To report a pothole on a City street other than Lazelle, you may either call the Public Works Department at 347-3916 or visit the City website at www.sturgis-sd.gov and click on the *Sturgis Listens* tab to submit your request. To report a pothole on Lazelle, contact the DOT at 347-3636.

Officials

Mayor

Maury LaRue 347-4422

Council Members

Ward One:

Joe DesJarlais 347-7928

Kelly Vasknetz 490-0361

Ward Two:

Mark Carstensen 561-0283

David Hersrud 347-5061

Ward Three:

Clint Brengle 720-0171

Jamie McVay 720-5780

Ward Four:

Tim Potts 720-4233

Bernadette Usera 720-9424

City Manager

Dave Boone 347-4422



City Wide Garage Sale Saturday, April 30 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

You are invited to participate in the 2011 City Wide Garage Sale. Stop by the Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce to get your registration form or download a copy from the City website at www.sturgis-sd.gov. You must turn in your registration form along with the \$15.00 registration fee to the Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce by April 16. By registering your sale, you will get advertising on the radio and in the newspaper. Plus, your location will be listed on the Official Garage Sale Map that will be published in the Meade County Times.

Businesses are encouraged to participate by holding sidewalk sales and special promotions.

This is the perfect time to clean out your closets and make some extra cash. Proceeds from this event will help the Future Sturgis Community Pride Committee with ongoing projects.

For more information, call the Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce at 347-2556.

The City Wide Garage Sale will be followed by the Annual Spring Clean Up May 2 - 6.

Sturgis Community Center

Visit our Facebook page for all our upcoming events and program information.



Spring Clean Up

The Annual City Wide Spring Clean Up is scheduled for May 2-6. During this time, you may put your unwanted items near your trash totes and the City will pick them up for disposal. If you need assistance in getting items moved out to the curb, contact Brent Tunesvik at the Sturgis Police Department at 347-5070.



For a complete listing of the items that qualify for removal, visit the Public Works web page at www.sturgis-sd.gov or call the Public Works Office at 347-3916.

Employee Spotlight - Sturgis Mayor Maury LaRue

Mayor: A rich tapestry of responsibilities.

The duties and responsibilities of the Mayor's office are extremely varied and are governed by both statute and city ordinance/resolution.

The Mayor is an elected official who presides over the twice monthly City Council meetings and sits on designated Council sub-committees. The Mayor acts as the head of the City for military and ceremonial purposes; for example, the Mayor often attends ceremonies at the Ft. Meade VA Hospital or at Black Hills National Cemetery. The Mayor is often present at ribbon cutting and grand opening events. He speaks with media outlets regarding local events and issues that impact the community.

The Mayor is also regularly called upon to meet with the state's congressional delegation, state legislators, and other state representatives. The relationships that the Mayor fosters regionally and across the state are very important to our community.

Finally, in cases of emergency or public danger, the Mayor's role is crucial in calling for external assistance, appointing special police, or governing the municipality during the emergency period. (For more information about the Mayor's duties under the City Manager form of government reference South Dakota Codified Law 9-10-7.)

Mayor LaRue will be retiring on May 2 after serving 4 years as the Sturgis Mayor.



Future Sturgis - State of the Community Address Thursday, March 31 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Community Center Theater

Please join us for updates from each of the Future Sturgis Committees. Hosted by the City of Sturgis and Meade County. Refreshments will be served starting at 5:30 p.m.

City Election Scheduled For April 12

City Finance Officer Fay Bueno reports that the following individuals turned in valid petitions and will be placed on the ballot for the City Council and Mayoral election scheduled for April 12, 2011.

Mark Carstensen and Janeen Norstegaard will be running for Mayor.

Finn Abrahamson and Joe DesJarlais (incumbent) are running for Ward 1 City Council. Dane Sundstrom and Bernadette Usera (incumbent) are running for Ward 4 City Council. David Hersrud (incumbent) - Ward 2 and Jamie McVay (incumbent) - Ward 3 are both running unopposed.



The City election will be held at the Community Center located at 1401 Lazelle Street. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. Voters will need to show a photo ID when they arrive at the poll.

Unofficial winners will be announced after votes are counted on election night and the results will be posted on the City website at www.sturgis-sd.gov. Official results will be announced within seven days after the votes are canvassed.

The new Council members and the Mayor will be sworn in at the May 2 City Council meeting.

For more election information, visit the City website at www.sturgis-sd.gov and click on the *Government* tab.

At The Library In April

The Sturgis Public Library is proud to host Sandra Brannan as the featured author in April. Ms. Brannan has written a series of nine novels featuring amateur sleuth Liv Bergen. The first of these, *In the Belly of Jonah*, is a fast-paced thriller set in Ft. Collins, Colorado. Before its release in September of 2010, the American Booksellers Association called it a Notable Indie Next Pick. For those in attendance at her book talk, she has promised a sneak peak at her next book, *Lot's Return to Sodom*, which revolves around the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

Everyone is invited to attend this exciting event on Tuesday, April 12 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Program Room at the Sturgis Library. The book talk will be at 6:00 p.m. with *In the Belly of Jonah* book purchases and signings before and after.

This event is co-sponsored by General Federation of Women's Clubs affiliate, Sturgis Woman's Literary Club, Sturgis Area Arts Council, and the Sturgis Public Library. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Dorothy Pulscher at 720-5467.



Public Works Notice

As spring approaches, we may experience additional water levels. As of April 1, 2009, City Ordinance (11.05.44) regarding sump pumps requires users to pump water into the street for disposal into the storm drains. Pumping water into the sewer system is prohibited.

Contact Information

City Manager 347-4422
City Attorney 347-4422
Code Enforcement 347-4424
Community Development 347-4424
Finance Office 347-4422
Human Resources 347-4422
Rally Department 720-0800
1040 2nd Street

Community Center 347-6513
5:00 - 9:00 Mon. - Fri.
8:00 - 8:00 Sat.
Noon - 8:00 Sun.
1401 Lazelle Street

Fire & Ambulance 347-5801
Emergency 911
7:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1901 Ballpark Road

Library 347-2624
8:30 - 7:00 Mon. - Thu.
8:30 - 5:00 Fri.
8:30 - 4:00 Sat.
1040 2nd Street

Liquor Store 347-5983
8:00 - 10:00 Mon. - Sat.
10:00 - 8:00 Sun.
1075 Lazelle Street

Parks Department 347-9018
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1920 Ballpark Road
Shelter Reservations call
347-4422

Police Department 347-5070
Emergency 911
1400 Main Street

Public Works 347-3916
7:00 - 4:00 Mon. - Fri.
1057 Dudley Street
Rubble Site
8:00 - 5:00 Tue. - Fri.
8:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 5:00
Mon. and Sat.

Water Department 347-4425
8:00 - 4:45 Mon. - Fri.
After Hour Emergency call
Police Dispatch 347-2573
1040 2nd Street